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Hope attached is sufficient as we weren't sure that the club would be joining in time to cover our NCW activities.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK REPORT
1969

Non-Competitive
Non-ANA Member Club (applica-
tion for membership forwarded
under separate cover 29 Apr 69)

BELTON COIN CLUB
% Mrs. Virginia Bronson, President

EXHIBITS

Number of exhibit locations	1
Number of exhibitors	2

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

Posters (each different)	2
Club Bulletins (attached)	3

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

ANA	1 (Belton Coin Club)
New members for our club since 1 Jan 69	29

Virginia S. Bronson, President
submitted for BELTON COIN CLUB
Belton, Missouri
Organized January 1969

APRIL MEETING: We will have a program of a new type this month with a very interesting and different exhibit of coins. Why not join us April 28 at 7:30 PM at the Belton Coin and Hobby Center, 413½ Main, right downtown in Belton, Missouri. There will be an auction and refreshments will be served. There will also be at least one door prize free to some lucky person just for being at the meeting.

AUCTION TO BE HELD: This month, with your help, we will begin the new feature of a club auction. There is a form attached, so why not go through your coins and dig out an extra coin or other numismatic item (preferably something worth a dollar or more, unless you wish to auction something just for the juniors) and bring it or them to the meeting with the form. The club percentage for the selling of the items has been set at 5% of the selling price with a maximum on any one lot for the club not to exceed \$1.00, regardless of the selling price on a coin. Buy backs will be charged the club percentage. This is about the usual procedure for area clubs, and by keeping the percentage low we hope to help the club finances and you too.

Remember, Brown and Dunn grading guide is the officially accepted guide. Noone is infallible on grading and as many of us are still learning we will do our best to help you if you should have trouble reaching a decision as to the grade or value. You might wish to come in a few minutes early to the meeting if you need help.

The secret of a good auction for you and the club is not putting too much of any one thing up at one time. Hold bids tend to discourage bidding, and you may wish to keep this in mind when working up your items. Remember too that giving a bid for an item at face value or below only slows down the auction and the enjoyment for everyone. We are still working on the procedure for the auction. This is temporary, and we hope interest in the auction will be such that we can set it up ahead of meetings and have a list of the coins to be auctioned sent with the newsletter.

COUNCIL REPORT: The Numismatic Council of Greater Kansas City met the last Monday of March. New officers were elected and several items of interest and help were discussed. Clarence Gould is being backed by the Council to run for the American Numismatic Association's Board of Governors, so that Kansas City might have some representation to the national association. The Midwest Numismatic Association show announcement was given for the weekend of June 13, 14, and 15 at the Hotel Continental, downtown Kansas City. They are seeking exhibitors and if you wish to be included please let one of your officers know and we will give you the information you will need.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS: Anyone attending either of the first two club meetings (January and February) were able to join up through the second meeting as Charter members. If you wish to join as a Charter Member, your dues must be paid by this next meeting April 28, 1969. After this time regular numbers will be assigned to those joining after Charter membership closed. We hope you will be sure to join us, as there is only this one time that you can be in on the real start of the club and be a Charter Member. If you have any questions concerning your status, please call me at ED 1-1472 and we will check for you.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: This officially started last month and will continue until the end of June. There will be at least two prizes given--a 1948P Franklin Half Dollar, and a Pony Express Medal issued for their Diamond Jubilee of 1860-1935. Be sure to let us know when you have recruited someone so that you will get credit for your work.

NEW ITEMS TO COME: August has been set as the meeting the juniors will preside. Several meetings prior to August different ones will be helping out on some of the meetings. The May 26 meeting program will be on U.S. Type Quarters.

NUMISMATICS: Did you know that the suggestion and idea for the zinc penny was that of William Keller, Sr., President of Keller Manufacturing Company of St. Louis? In order to save copper during World War II he wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt suggesting that zinc be used for pennies. The letter was answered with a presidential citation and the minting of the pennies started. Mr. Keller passed away late last year, a loss to the numismatic world that few people were aware of.

See you at the meeting, Virginia Bronson, President.

Name: _____ Hold Bid: _____

Type of coin _____ Date of coin _____

Condition _____ Value (use redbook, trends, etc.) _____

Lot Number _____ Price realized _____ Sold to _____

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MARCH MEETING: The main features this month will be a swap session and a program/discussion on grading. Come on out and join us March 24, 7:30 PM, at the Belton Coin and Hobby Center, 413½ Main, right downtown in Belton, Missouri. There will be some coins around for viewing, and refreshments for all. Come on out, and bring a friend or two.

SWAP SESSION: This will be your chance to switch your extras for something you need from someone else's extras. We will also hear about auction plans that are being worked on by our new senior Vice-President, Charles Wales, Jr. and his committee.

MEMBERSHIPS: We've had a prize donation to implement a membership drive, with a prize or prizes given for the person recruiting the most new club members. More about this at the meeting, but any new members recruited by an individual from now on will count. Jean Mills, Secretary, will take your membership application and Thad Corder, Treasurer, will take care of the money part. Regular senior member dues are \$3 per year, associate member dues (spouse of a regular member) are \$2, and junior members up to the age of 16 are \$1 per year.

EXHIBITING YOUR COINS: There are many motivations toward collecting coins—most people start out just wanting to HAVE them, or maybe see that a profit can be made from them. As we progress in the hobby though, we learn a lot of very interesting things about coins, and eventually we want to demonstrate the extent of knowledge we have, or to educate others. It's a natural tendency. One of the best ways to accomplish this is exhibiting. Exhibiting is our hobby's best way of advertising....our very best way to show the non-collectors that coins are really interesting. Exhibiting is also a very good way to make a club work. It helps other members to learn about coins and, after all, isn't that the purpose of a club?

It is not as hard to exhibit as it might seem. There are certain basic facts you need to know. First, if you are going to use exhibit cases, which are furnished free of charge at most shows if arranged for in advance, you must know the size of the case. Standard display cases are 18X30 inches. If you're not using standard cases, your format can be just about anything—frames, hand made cases, etc.—you have more freedom, but also as a rule costs go up. If you use the standard cases for your display, the exhibit area after allowing for hinges, locks, etc., is an area approximately 17X29 inches. Second, you cannot expect to interest people in your coins unless your display is ATTRACTIVE. You can't just throw some coins in a case and really expect them to command interest. A cloth background under them helps, and tasteful use of two or more colors is even more effective. A vertical title board behind the display attracts attention. Thirdly, your exhibit should have a central theme—a story to tell—and your title should reflect this. There should be enough information in your display so that what you are trying to say with the exhibit is conveyed—neatly, completely, and most important accurately. Be sure the facts you give are really fact!

There are two good events coming up shortly in the Kansas City area, and you will probably want to mark your calendar for April 19, and for April 26-27. The first event is strictly a show for the collector and public, and will be held April 19 in the Ward Parkway Center Promenade as part of the Midwest Numismatic Association's second annual National Coin Week show there. There will be exhibits and programs as well as some free numismatic items. One of the programs will be the movie "A Trip Through the Denver Mint" and it will be shown several times during the day. The second event is the Johnson County Numismatic Society two day coin show on April 26-27 (Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Sunday, April 27, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM), at the Overland Park, Kansas Holiday INN at the Junctions of Highways 50 and 69 (free admission). Maybe you will get some new ideas and the exhibiting "bug", and bring a display to a club meeting.

See you at the meeting,

Virginia Bronson, President

FEBRUARY MEETING: Will be held February 24, 7:30PM, thanks to Jack Cotterman, at the Belton Coin & Hobby Center, 413½ Main, Belton, Missouri. The location is easy to find--right downtown on the main street, past the banks and close to the Rexall Drugstore. All guests are very welcome, collectors or not.

PROGRAM: Will be presented prior to the main part of the business meeting, and will be about a ten minute program presented by Clarence Gould. Clarence is the Kansas and Missouri representative to the American Numismatic Association (ANA), an organization of some 25,000 collectors and 1,200 member clubs. Clarence will talk on U.S. collecting in general, and is very well-versed on this subject.

CLUB BACKGROUND: For those that missed the organizational meeting January 28, 1969, quite a number of adults and juniors turned out, and the club was officially formed. One of the items to consider at this meeting will be a club name, so you might want to put your thinking caps on. Another important item to be brought up, that was missed at the first meeting, is the important item of election of a senior Vice-President. After the election of the President, nominations were opened for the office of V-P and a lively discussion ensued concerning junior officers. The now red-faced new President got side-tracked and forgot this important post, so will be asking your help to correct this at the February meeting. Your other officers are:

<u>Post</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>
President	Virginia Bronson	Duane Miller
Vice-President		Tom Walter
Secretary	Jean Mills	Alan Jacob
Treasurer	Thad Corder	Ken Walter

MEMBERSHIPS: Junior and Senior Charter membership applications will be accepted through this second meeting, and all dues must be collected by the March 24 meeting, as regular numbers will then be assigned to anyone joining. Dues will also be one of the items decided at this meeting. After a meeting February 13th of six of your officers, a suggested dues amount was for senior members \$2-\$5 per year, and for junior members (at the first meeting it was agreed that this should be a reduced amount) \$1 per year. Something else to be thinking about before the meeting. Application forms are available at the Belton Coin & Hobby Center, and will be available at each club meeting.

BY-LAWS: A sample set of By-Laws was prepared by the six officers at the February 13th meeting. All items are completely open, but the basic paperwork has been accomplished in order to have a starting point of some sort.

LUCKY COLLECTOR: One of the luckiest finds for quite awhile must be that of the find of a 1916D and 1943 plain walking liberty half dollar, both in beautiful condition. It must be great to have that kind of a find to show on the 13th of a month. Proves you can still find them if your lucky and know where to look; how about that Thad?

Hope to see you all February 24th. Why not come on out and learn a little, visit a little, see an exhibit, enjoy the program, and partake of the refreshments. In the meantime, a little food for thought:

Did you Missourians know that the Morgan Dollar is sometimes called the "Bland Dollar" because the legislation that authorized it was sponsored by Representative Richard P. Bland of Missouri?

Did you know that the Franklin Half Dollar has an advertisement on the reverse? In the Liberty Bell, just above the break, the name of the firm that cast the bell, Pass and Stowe of Philadelphia, appears.

See you at the meeting,

Virginia Bronson, President